GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP TO ST STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed an income ceiling of rupees one lac for scholarship for the Post-matric students of Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, whether the wards of employees of the Scheduled Tribes drawing salary in excess of the above mentioned amount have been deprived of this scholarship after the implementation of the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission;

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to increase this income ceiling to at least rupees two lacs;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) No Sir. The mechanism of upward revision of income ceiling is inbuilt in the scheme itself because it is linked with Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers and is revised once every two years. The recommendations of the 5th Pay Commission was implemented w.e.f. 1.1.1996. Since then the income ceiling has been revised several times.